◆NEWSPAPER CLUB MEMBERS DON'T SLEEP!
STRETCH~
THE TRAINING CAMP ENDS TOMORROW, HUH~
I HAVE TO PUT ALL THIS MATERIAL TOGETHER,
SO I CAN GET STARTED ON THE SWORD-ART FESTIVAL SPECIAL ISSUE AS SOON AS I GET BACK.
SWORD EMPEROR OF WIND OUMA KUROGANE. CRIMSON PRINCESS STELLA VERMILLION.
THE CURRENT SEVEN STARS SWORD KING YUUDAI MOROBOSHI... SO MANY EXCLUSIVES!
T/N: KAGAMI'S SHIRT READS, "FREEDOM OF THE PRESS"

Kyomon Academy Year 1

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...AMANE SHINOMIYA.

...AH.

WHAT KIND OF MATCH HISTORY GOT HIM SELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVE?

FLAP

I WASN'T REAL INTERESTED IN HIM BEFORE SENPAI CALLED, BUT...

WH... WHAT...?

MOCK BATTLE: 6 MATCHES, 6 WINS
(ALL SIX WINS BY DEFAULT)

Rentei Academy Year 1

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THEN A SWORD-ART FESTIVAL FULL OF UNKNOWN FIRST-YEARS LIKE THIS ONE,

HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE EITHER...!

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BUT THIS NUMBER...!

I'VE HAD THIS THOUGHT A FEW TIMES NOW,

BUT FOR SO MANY STRONG PEOPLE TO APPEAR UNEXPECTEDLY...

AND EVEN BEING SELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVE CONTENDERS,

HOW COULD THEY NEVER HAVE CAUGHT ANYONE'S ATTENTION BEFORE...?

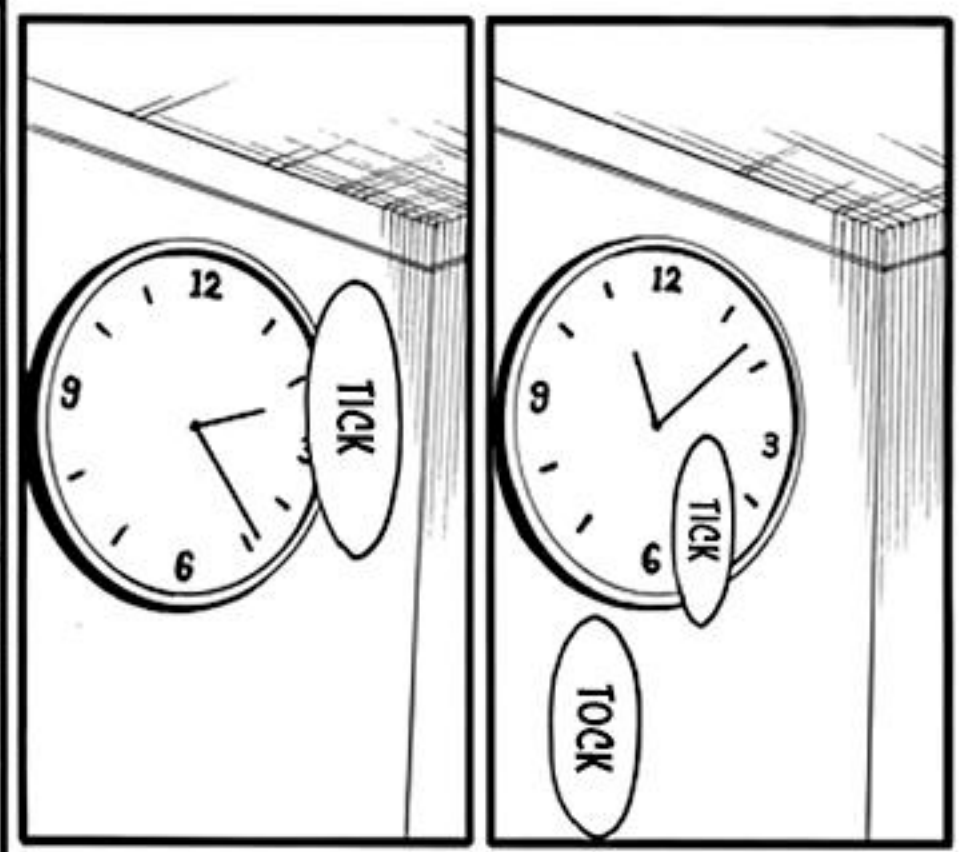
THEY'RE PEOPLE FROM A WORLD THE SUN DOESN'T TOUCH, CONSPIRING TOGETHER TO...

IT'S AS IF...

IF THAT'S TRUE...

THEY MIGHT BE CONCEALING SOMETHING OUTRAGEOUS...!

AMONG THE SEVEN ACADEMIES...
THERE'S ONE MORE...!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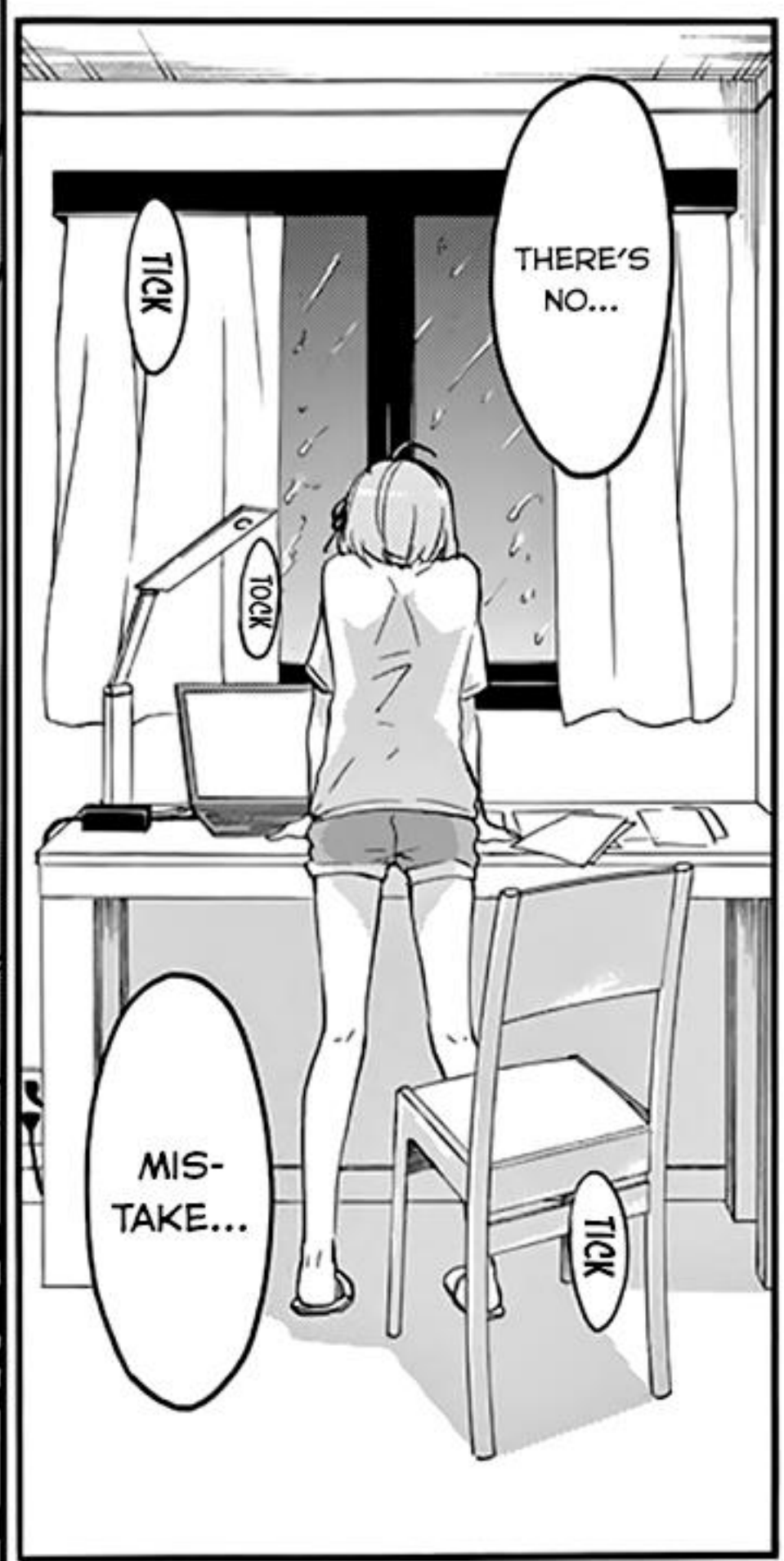
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A...LICE...
-CHAN...!

I...
KNEW
IT...

YOU'RE
A LITTLE
TOO SMART.

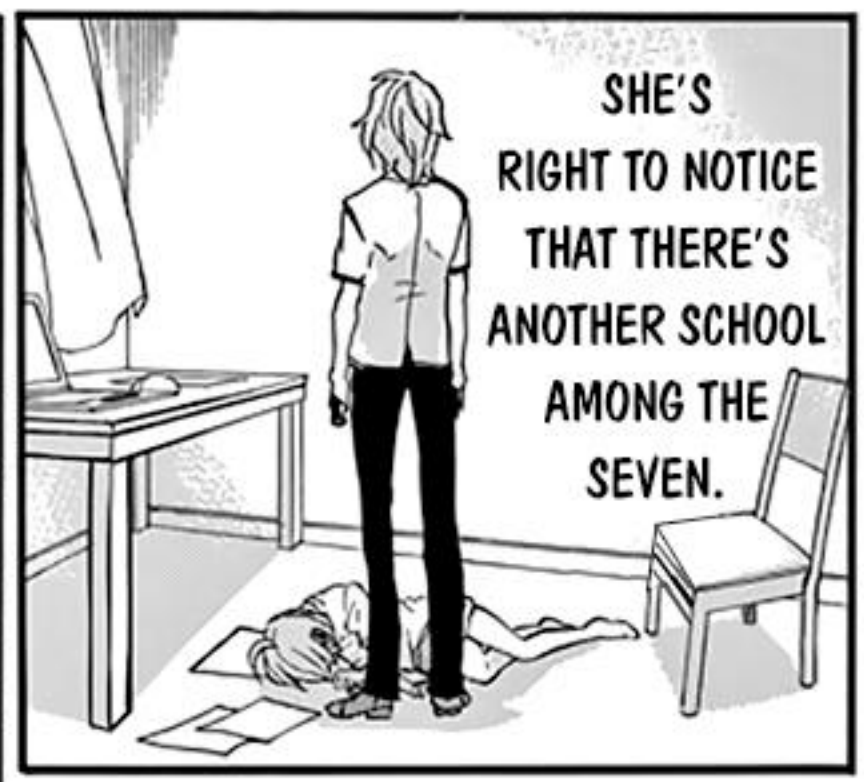
...
SENPAI...
STELLA-CHAN...
BE...
CAREFUL...
TOO BAD, KAGAMIN.
WERE YOU A BIT LESS SHARP, WE WOULD'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR A FEW MORE HOURS.
THERE'S A MONSTER LURKING...
INSIDE THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL...!

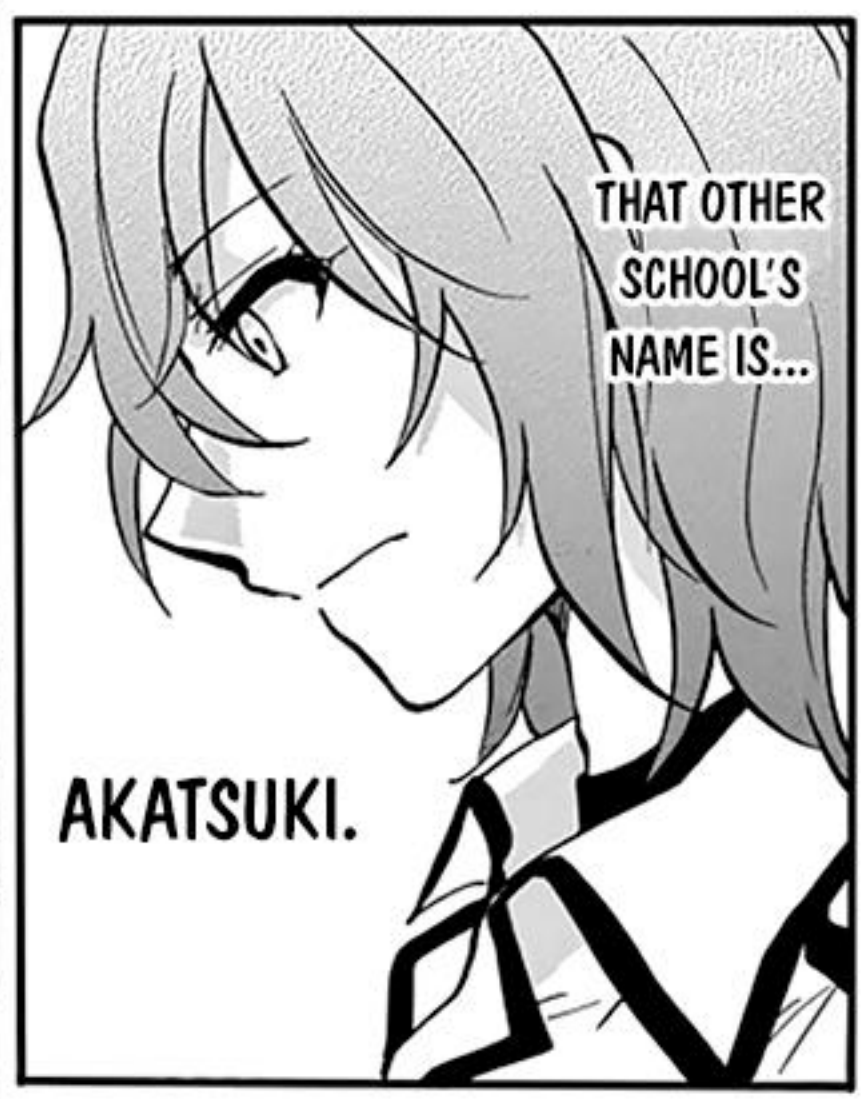
...GOOBYE, KAGAMIN.

CURRENTLY WE ARE SEVEN STUDENTS,

ALL ELITES FROM THE CRIMINAL UNDERWORLD,

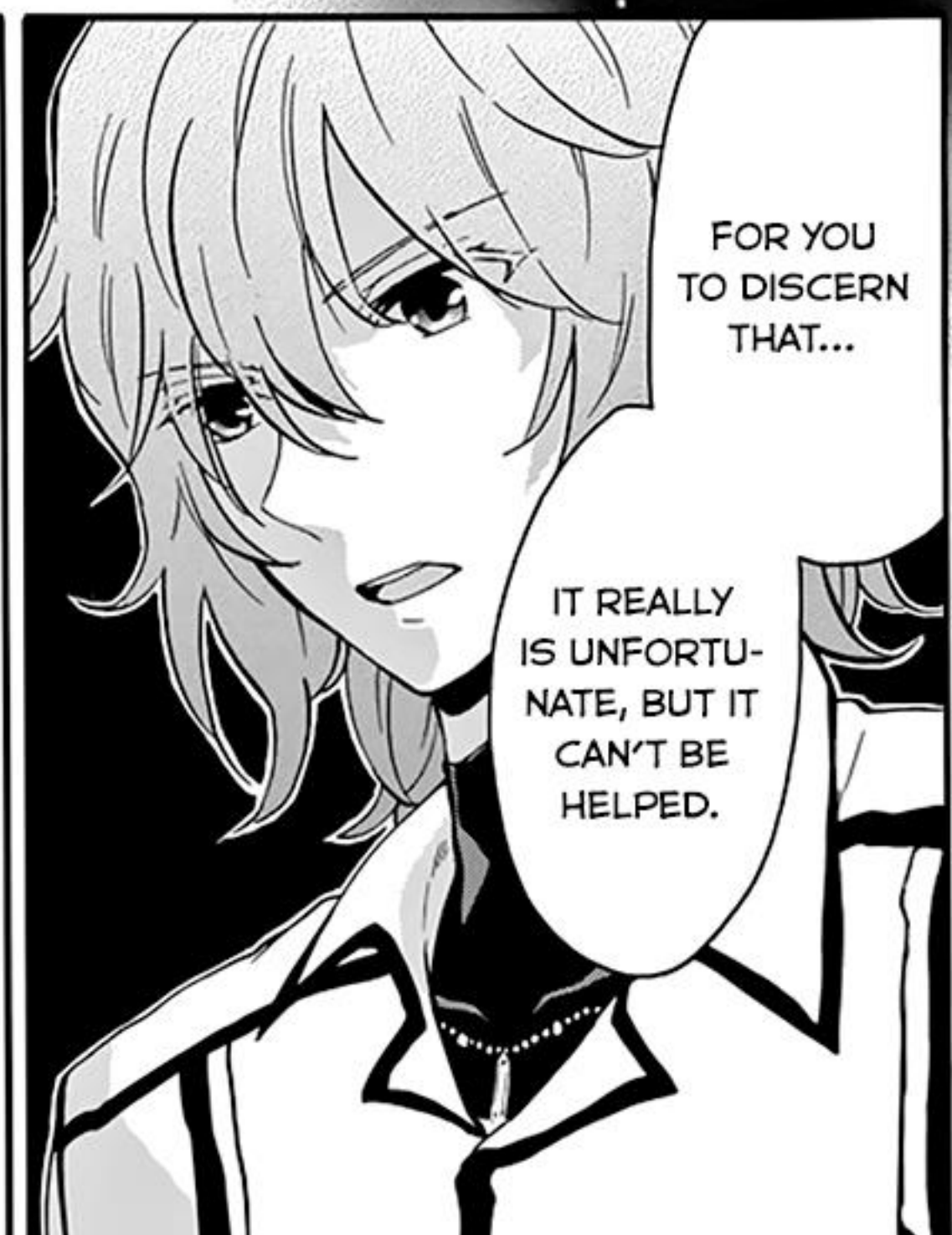
MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST GROUP REBELLION PAID FOR AND EMPLOYED BY THE SPONSOR WHO ESTABLISHED AKATSUKI ACADEMY.





THIS ACADEMY'S TRUE OBJECTIVE

IS TO DEMOLISH THE SEVEN STARS SWORD-ART FESTIVAL.



YOU DIDN'T PICK UP NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I CALLED, SO I STARTED THINKING YOU DON'T LIKE ME!

DID YOU THINK I WAS FOND OF YOU?

WHAT IS IT?

AH, I FINALLY GOT A HOLD OF YOU.

THERE WAS A BIT OF TROUBLE.

OH? WHAT SORT?

BY THE WAY, WHY DIDN'T YOU ANSWER IMMEDIATELY?

NOW THAT'S HARSH.

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IT SEEMS SOMEONE IN THE NEWSPAPER CLUB GREW SUSPICIOUS OF OUR MOVEMENTS.

I DECIDED TO SILENCE HER FOR YOU.

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AND TO WHAT DEGREE WAS HER SUSPICION?

LOOKING AT THE DOCUMENTS HERE, IT SEEMS ALL OF THE REPRESENTATIVE CONTENDERS WERE INVESTIGATED.

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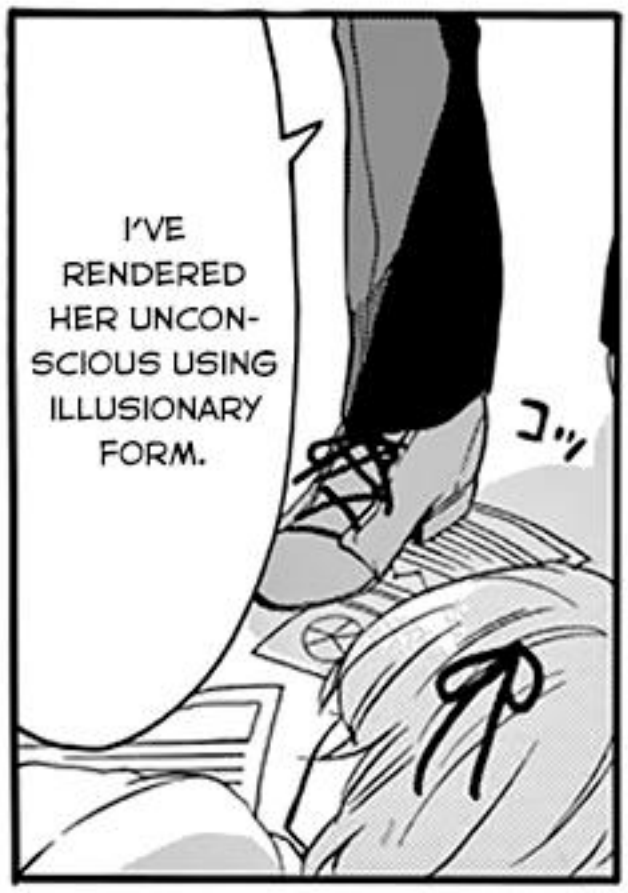
BUKYOKU ACADEMY—OUMA KUROGANE. HAGUN ACADEMY—ARISUIN NAGI... SUSPICION ENOUGH TO GATHER EVIDENCE ON THESE NAMES.

DONROU ACADEMY —YUI TATARA. KYOMON ACADEMY —AMANE SHINOMIYA. ROKUZON ACADEMY —SARA BLOODLILY. BUNKYOKU ACADEMY —REISEN HIRAGA. RENTEI ACADEMY —RINNA KAZAMATSURI.

THEY DON'T STAND UP TO DEEP SCRUTINY.

EXCEPT FOR OUR GUEST OUMA KUROGANE, ALL OF US HAVE FABRICATED PERSONAL HISTORIES.



I KNOW THAT. IT WAS A JOKE.

ONCE TOMORROW EVENING COMES AROUND, THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW ABOUT AKATSUKI ACADEMY,

SO IT'S ENOUGH TO CONFINE HER SOMEWHERE FOR A DAY.

OH, NO NO! HIDING A KILL TAKES FAR TOO MUCH EFFORT.

NOW, WHAT BUSINESS DID YOU HAVE?

OH, IT WASN'T ME WITH THE BUSINESS.

THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE WHO WANTED A WORD WITH YOU.

PLEASE.
A WORD WITH ME ...?
I'M HANDING IT OVER NOW.
ALICE, IT'S ME.

I'VE BEEN PUT IN CHARGE OF THIS MATTER,
SO I HAVE TO BE ON SITE.
...IT'S BEEN A WHILE, SENSEI.
YOU'VE COME TO JAPAN?
FOR ONE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES, THE LEADERS OF REBELLION...
FOR THE ONE-ARMED SWORDSMAN, SIR WALLENSTEIN HIMSELF, TO TAKE COMMAND...!

THEN SENSEI, WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM ME TODAY?

FOR SOMEONE LIKE HIM TO COME, REBELLION MUST TRULY BE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS PLOT...

THE STRONGEST IN REBELLION, WITH POWER EQUIVALENT TO A-RANK UNDER THE MAGE-KNIGHT LEAGUE'S RANKING SYSTEM.

...ALICE, AMONG THE STUDENTS I'VE TAKEN IN, YOU'RE THE MOST OUTSTANDING.

IN THE AREA OF ASSASSINATION DURING TERRITORY WARS AMONG THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE UNDERWORLD LIKE US,

YOU'VE GIVEN ME BRILLIANT RESULTS.

WHETHER MAFIA OR CULT TERRORISTS...

DO YOU COMPREHEND YOUR ROLE TODAY?

BECAUSE OF THIS, I MAY NOT HAVE NEEDED TO CONFIRM UNTIL NOW, BUT...

YES.

I UNDERSTAND IT PERFECTLY.

AND MY SHADOW BIND IS A NOBLE ART THAT STEALS AWAY AN OPPONENT'S FIGHTING ABILITY WITH ONE STRIKE.

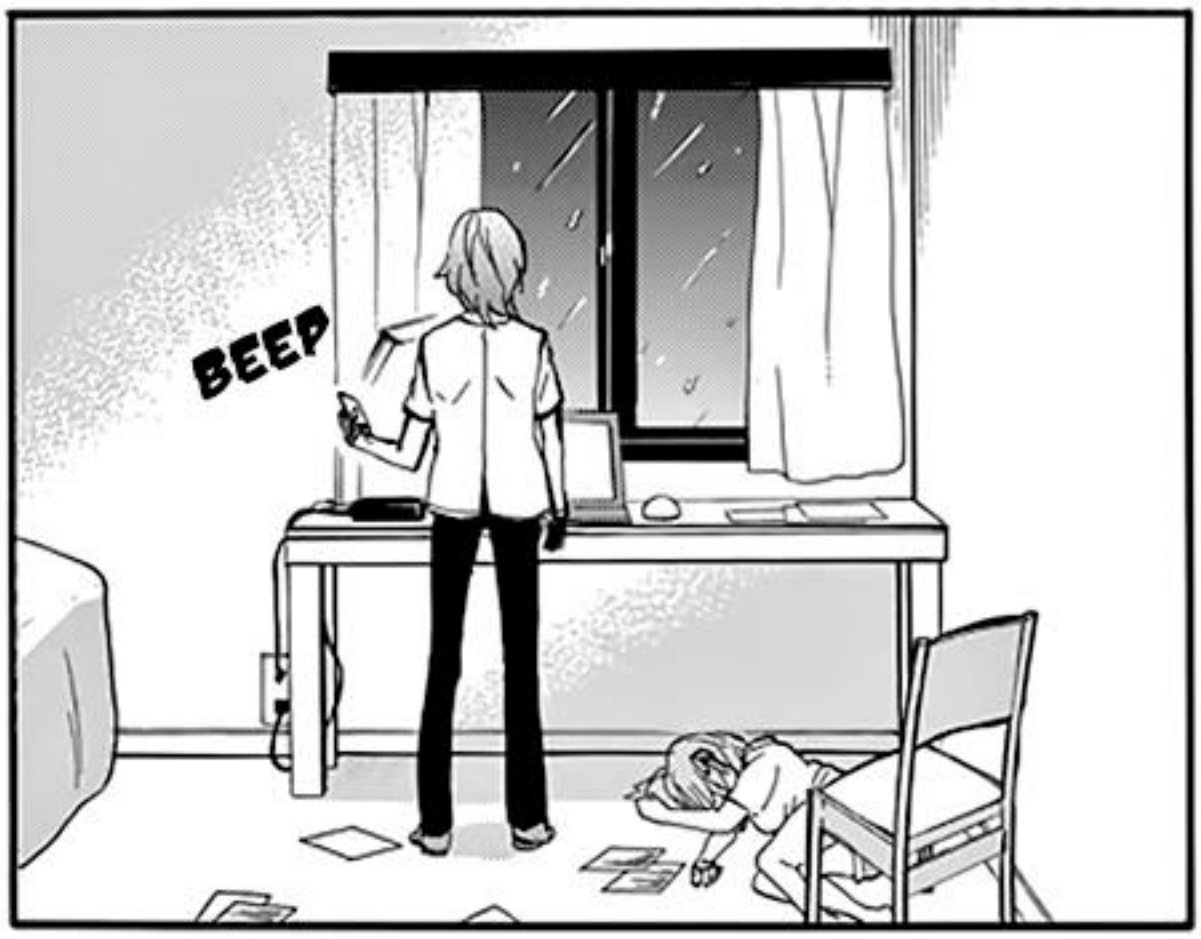
I'VE ALREADY BUILT UP A RELATIONSHIP OF HIGH TRUST WITH THE MAIN GROUP OF COMBATANTS IN HAGUN.

IF NOTHING ELSE, THE FIRST STRIKE WILL LAND WITHOUT FAIL.

...IT'S A RELIEF, HEARING THOSE WORDS.

AS THE BLACK SONIA... NO, BY THE NAME OF BLACK ASSASSIN THAT I'VE RECEIVED FROM YOU, SENSEI,

I WILL ABSOLUTELY PRESENT YOU SUCCESS ON THIS FESTIVAL EVE.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I'M COUNTING ON YOU, ALICE.

TO RECEIVE A CALL FROM SENSEI...
WELL, THAT'S ALSO UNDESTAND-ABLE, PERHAPS.

NOT EVEN THE TINIEST FAILURE IS PERMITTED.

IT'S A FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW POWER THAT IS AKATSUKI ACADEMY, WHICH WILL DESTROY THE SEVEN STARS SWORD-ART FESTIVAL!
THE FESTIVAL EVE TOMORROW IS AN ORDER FROM THE SPONSOR THAT HIRED REBELLION...

DON'T THINK BADLY OF ME, KAGAMIN.

AND FOR THAT REASON, FIRST I HAVE TO TIDY THIS UP.

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IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN,

WE CAN'T HAVE UNCHECKED VARIABLES.

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ALICE, WELCOME BACK.

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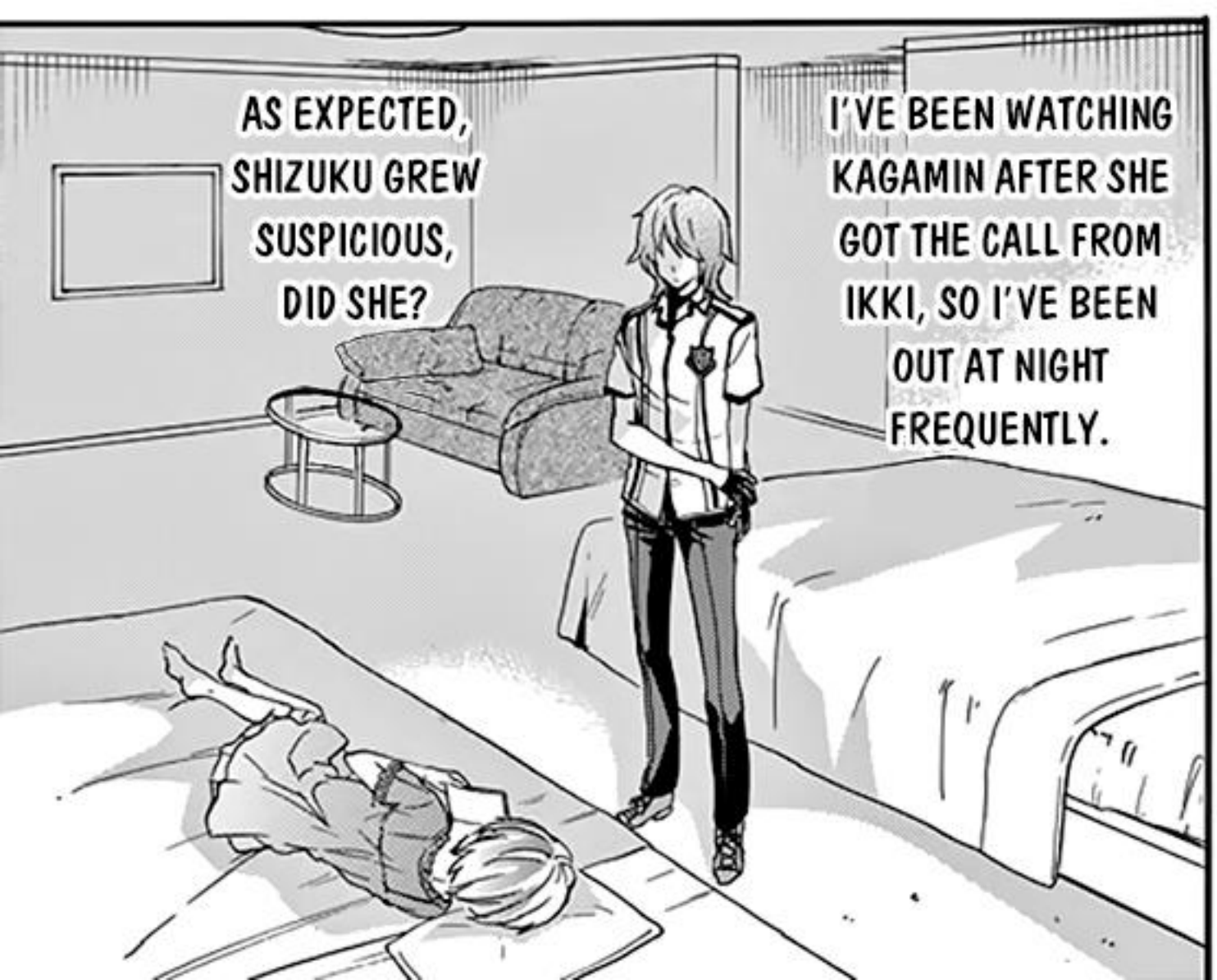
WHAT MIGHT YOU BE READING THERE?

OH MY, YOU'RE STILL AWAKE, SHIZUKU?
I'M JUST ABOUT TO SLEEP.

...SCARY!
MUST-READ FOR MOTHERS-IN-LAW
108 WAYS TO ABUSE THE NEW WIFE
THIS KIND OF BOOK.

YOU'VE BEEN GOING OUT TO PLAY AT NIGHT OFTEN, HAVEN'T YOU?
... ANYWAY,


AS EXPECTED, SHIZUKU GREW SUSPICIOUS, DID SHE?
I'VE BEEN WATCHING KAGAMIN AFTER SHE GOT THE CALL FROM IKKI, SO I'VE BEEN OUT AT NIGHT FREQUENTLY.

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I SEE.

...IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN PLAYING AROUND.

I HAVE PREPARATIONS OF MY OWN TO MAKE, YOU KNOW?

THE SEVEN STARS SWORD-ART FESTIVAL STARTS SO SOON.

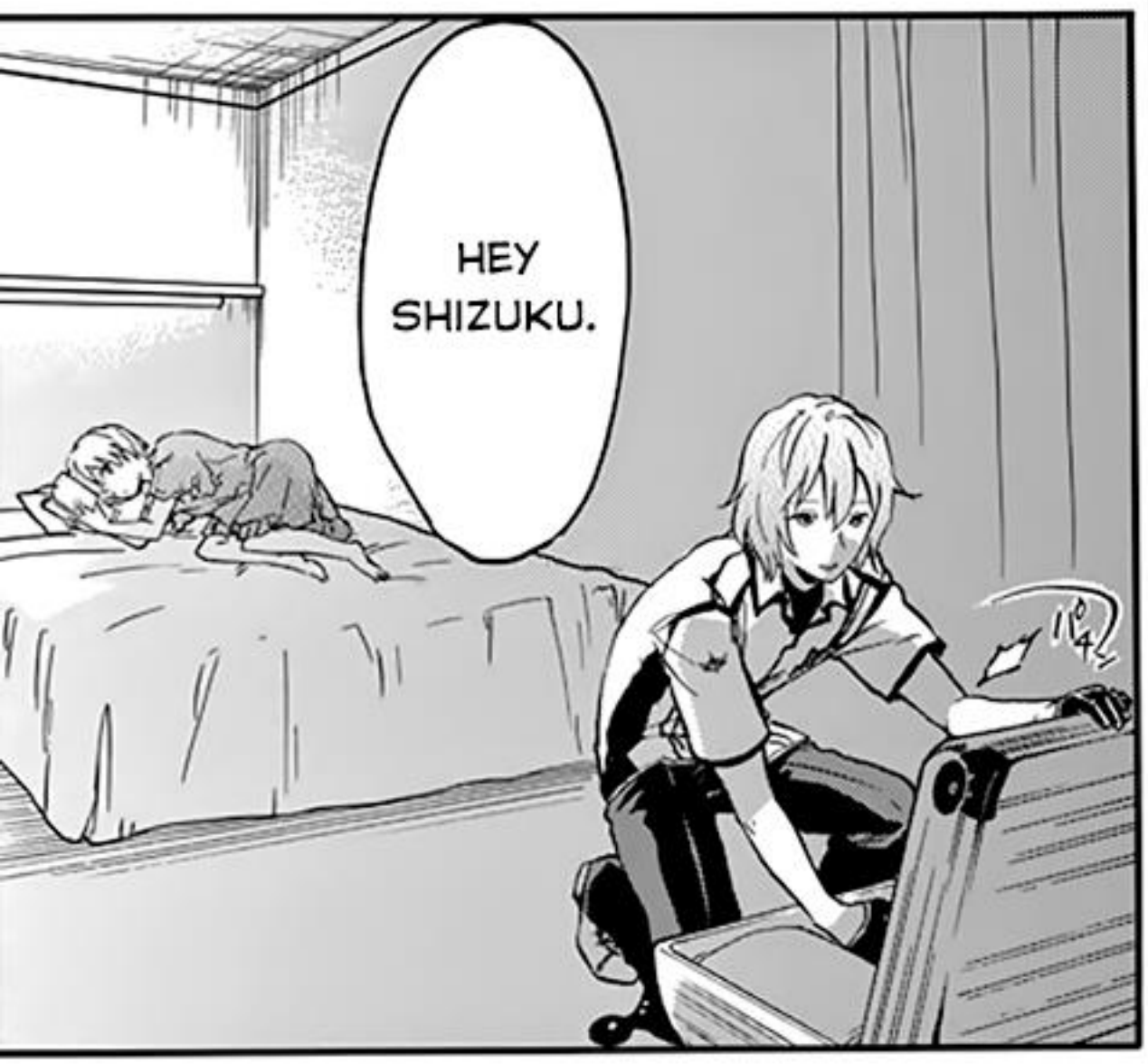
...I'M A LITTLE BIT ENVIOUS.

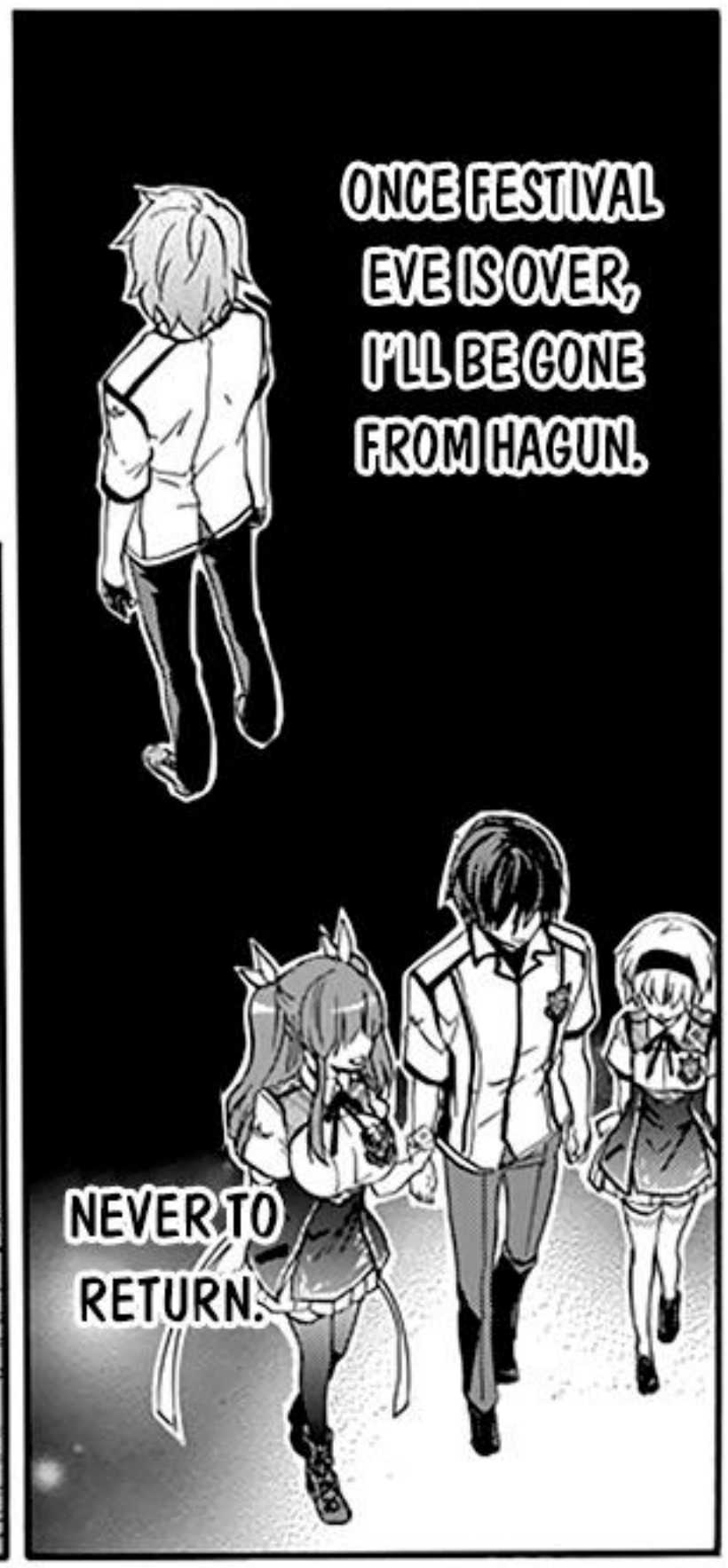
AFTER ALL, EVERYTHING THIS GIRL'S INTERESTED IN HAS TO DO WITH HER BROTHER IKKI KUROGANE.

...IN TIMES LIKE THIS, I'M THANKFUL FOR SHIZUKU'S INDIFFERENCE TO OTHERS.

AND... I GUESS THE LIFE I'VE HAD WITH SHIZUKU ENDS TODAY.

— SO...





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IS THAT THE DRINK WE HAD BACK WHEN WE WENT TO A BAR TOGETHER, THE ONE SMELLING LIKE MEDICINE?

HOW ABOUT HAVING A CUP WITH ME?
WHISKEY
12 YEARS OL
SINGLE MALT SCOTCH
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SORRY, I FORGOT ABOUT THAT. I GUESS I'LL HAVE IT BY MYSELF —
NO, IT'S FINE.

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AH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOU DID TRY SOME.
AND THEN YOU DOWNED SO MUCH WATER WITH TEARS IN YOUR EYES.

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TODAY'S FINE.

ARE YOU SURE? YOU DON'T LIKE IT THOUGH?

A SPECIAL DAY...?

BECAUSE IT'S A SPECIAL DAY.

OKAY, HERE YOU GO.

ALICE, YOU'RE STRANGE.

YOU LIKE THIS STUFF EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE LOTS OF OTHER, EASIER THINGS TO DRINK.

COUGH

HAHA, THAT'S TRUE.

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BUT... FOR THIS ONE AT LEAST

DRINKING IT EASILY WOULDN'T DO.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...IT'S A STORY FROM LONG AGO.

WHISKEY
12 YEARS OLD
SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

WOW, THAT'S A CUTE WAY TO LOOK AT IT.

YES, VERY MUCH SO.

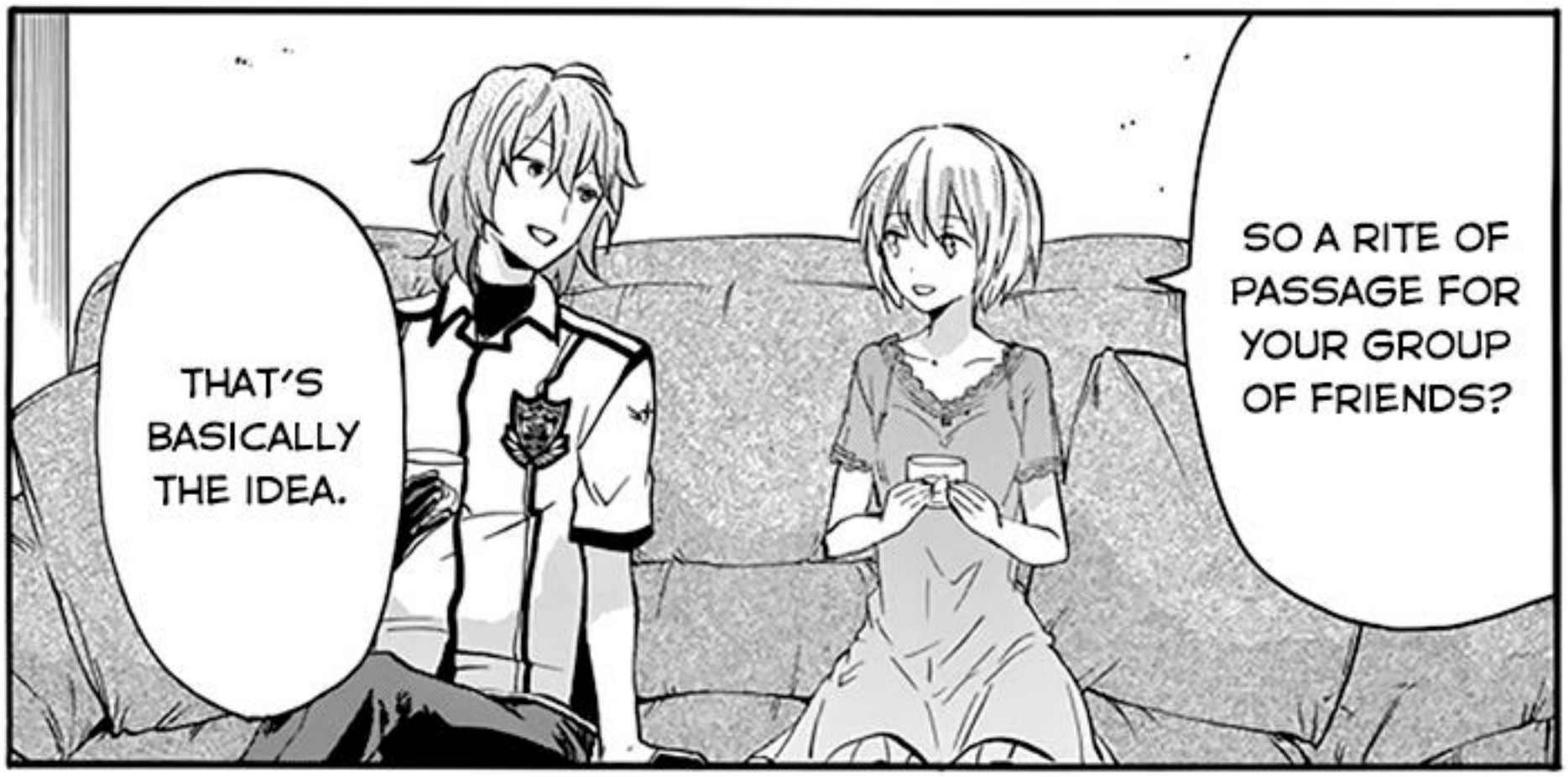
GIGGLE

GIGGLE

BACK WHEN I WAS LITTLE, MY FRIEND AND COMPANION USED TO SAY,

"ADULTS DRINK SOMETHING THIS DISGUSTING HAPPILY, WHICH MEANS PEOPLE WHO CAN DRINK THIS ARE ADULTS."

IT BECAME A COMING OF AGE OF SORTS.
...WELL, SINCE THE KIDS WHO CAN DRINK THIS ARE ADULTS,


THAT'S BASICALLY THE IDEA.
SO A RITE OF PASSAGE FOR YOUR GROUP OF FRIENDS?

MY NATIVE LAND DIDN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF LAW TO BEGIN WITH.

YOU WERE A NO-GOOD CHILD, WEREN'T YOU ALICE?
WASN'T THAT BEFORE YOU WERE OLD ENOUGH TO LEGALLY DRINK?

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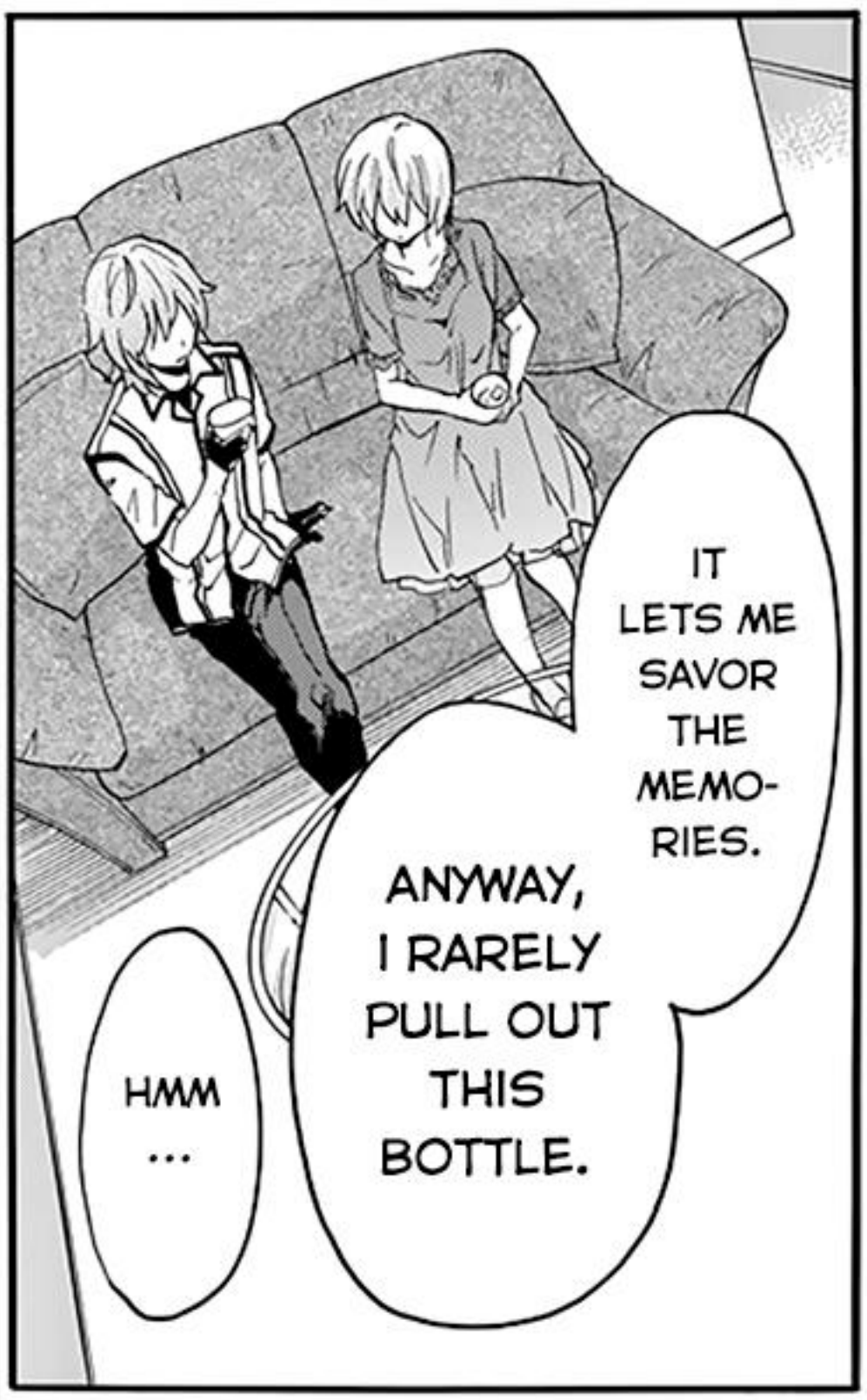
FRANKLY SPEAKING, I...

BUT YOU STILL DRINK IT?

CAN'T STAND THE TASTE EVEN NOW...



YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRINK SO MUCH OF IT.

IT'S FINE, BECAUSE TODAY'S SPECIAL.

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I… CAN'T HANDLE IT, I GUESS?

MY THROAT HURTS… THERE'S A HORRIBLE MEDICINE TASTE IN MY MOUTH, AND EVEN MY HEAD'S STARTING TO ACHE.

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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT TODAY? DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN?

YOU SAID THAT BEFORE…

NOT FOR ME.

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ALICE, IT'S SPECIAL TO YOU, RIGHT?

THIS IS THE LAST NIGHT I'LL SPEND WITH SHIZUKU.

CERTAINLY...

BUT THERE'S NO WAY SHIZUKU HAS REALIZED THAT... AND YET...

Throat's burning...

ONCE THE DAWN COMES, THE SITUATION WILL CHANGE, AND I'LL FADE INTO THE SHADOWS AGAIN, VANISHING FROM HAGUN.

...HUH?

BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE INVITED ME TO DO SOMETHING.

...WHY WOULD YOU THINK SO?

I INVITED YOU OUT TO DRINK AFTER YOUR BROTHER'S MATCH WITH THE HUNTER.

BUT THAT WAS BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED ABOUT ONII-SAMA BEING STOLEN AWAY.

BUT FROM WHAT I CAN SEE, YOU'VE NEVER LET ANYONE GET CLOSE TO YOU, NOT ONCE.

YOU'RE WILLING TO TALK INTIMATELY WITH ANYONE,

AND IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO BECOME CLOSE TO OTHERS.

YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING ME THAT CLOSELY, SHIZUKU...

...WHAT A SURPRISE.

AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE INVITED ME TO SOMETHING.

Poof

NATURALLY,

BECAUSE YOU'RE MY BIG SISTER.

BUT JUST ONE, OKAY?

NEXT TIME GET ME SOMETHING I CAN ACTUALLY DRINK TOO.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF DAY TODAY IS,

BUT IT HAS TO BE SOME-THING SPECIAL TO YOU, RIGHT?

SO I'LL HAVE A CUP WITH YOU.

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WH—

WHAT KIND OF DREAM ARE YOU HAVING?

MOVE... I CAN'T... KILL HER...

HAHA, WHAT KIND OF DREAM ARE YOU HAVING?

Nnn...

Onii-sama...

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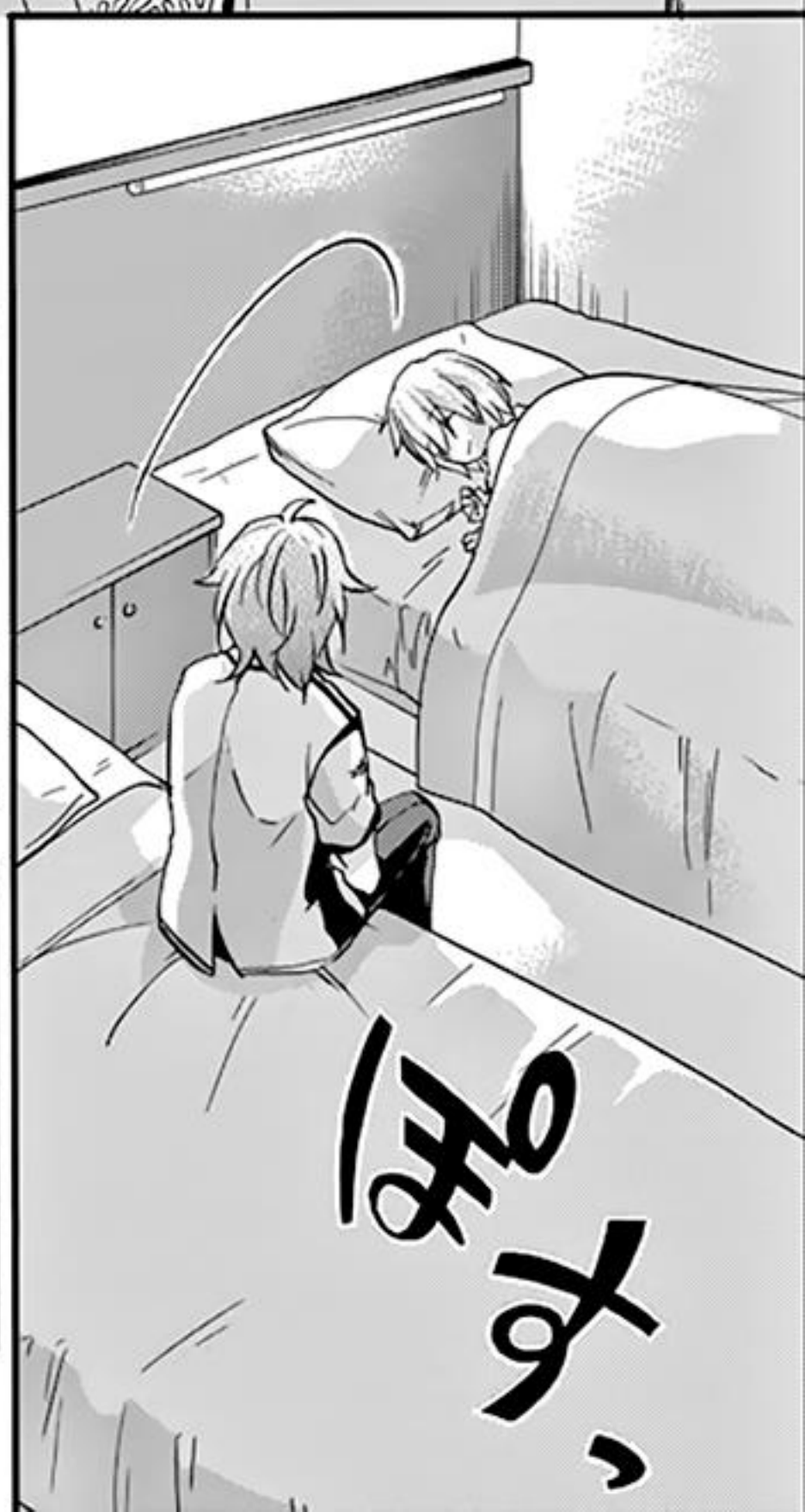
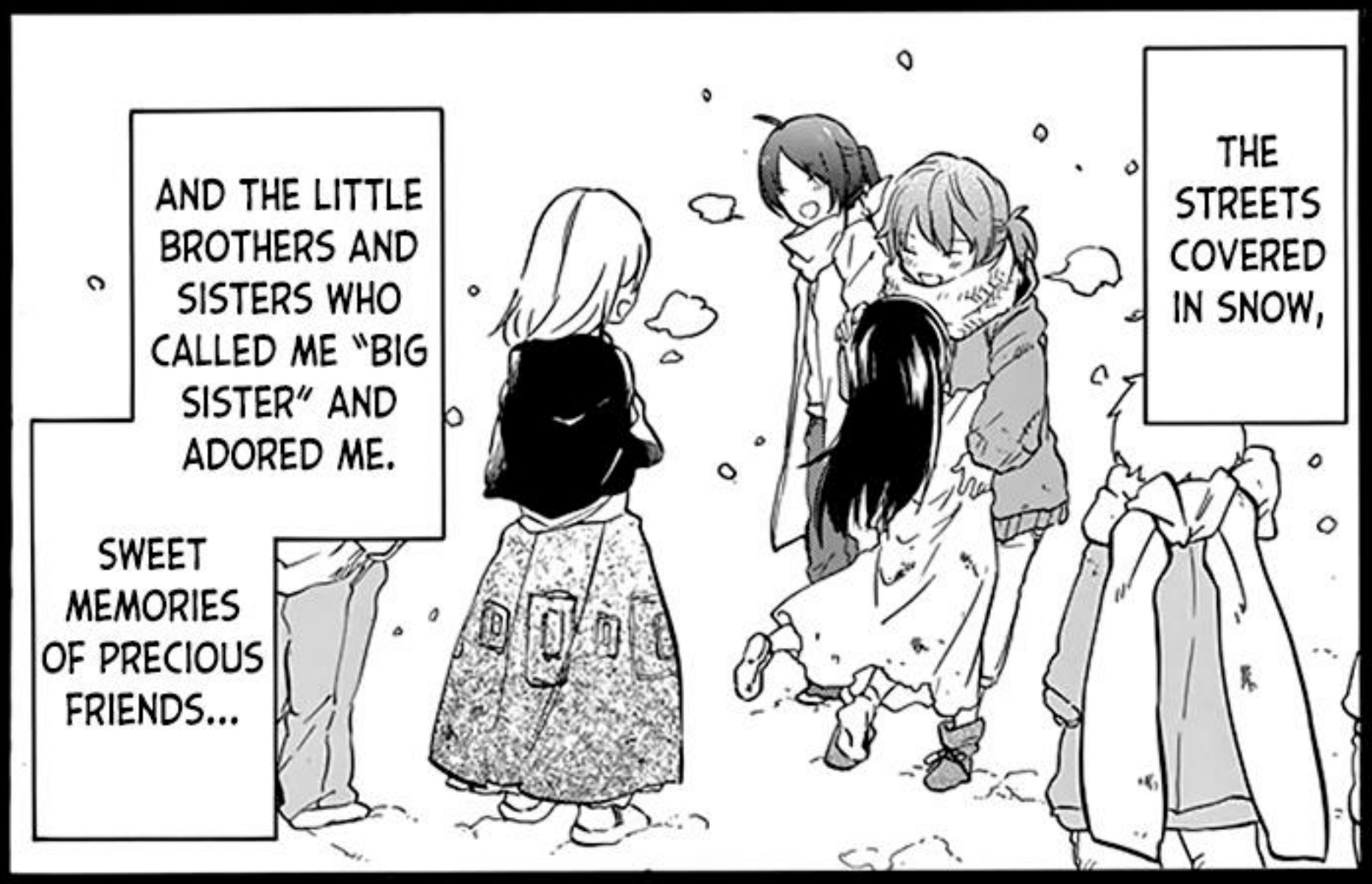
WHAT A CUTE SLEEP-ING FACE...



I STILL REMEMBER BEING CALLED THAT...



THE DAY I LOST THEM ALL...

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REAWAKEN, THESE BLOODSTAINED MEMORIES

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